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Title: System and Method for
Invoking Execution of a
Sequence of Operations that
Includes Motion Control,
Machine Vision, and Data
Acquisition (DAQ)
Functionality

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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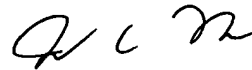
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